P.01/07

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 0 9 2004

LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP LLP

3400 JP Morgan Chase Tower 600 Travis Street Houston, Texas 77002-3095

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Voice: (713) 226-1200 Fax: (713) 223-3717 OFFICIAL

Date:

July 9, 2004

11:50 AM

PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

	То	COMPANY	FAX No.	PHONE NO.
1.	Examiner McWilliams	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	703 872-9306	703 605-0750
			703 746-9917	

FROM:

John Wilson Jones

PHONE (713) 226-1142

Total number of pages including this page: 7.

If you do not receive all the pages, please call (713) 226-1142.

Notes: SEE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

IMPORTANT/CONFIDENTIAL: This facsimile transmission (and/or the documents accompanying it) may contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is protected by the attorney-client privilege. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please immediately notify us by telephone to arrange for the return of the documents.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dillenbeck et al.

McWilliams Examiner:

Serial No.:

10/646,147

Group Art Unit: 3672

Filed:

August 22, 2003

Title: Ultra Low Density Cementitious

Slurries For Use in Cementing of

Oil and Gas Wells

Attorney Docket No. 020569-01600

(P203-1306-US)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application are the following documents:

Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: July 9, 2004

hn Wilson Jones

Registration No. 31,380

LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP LLP 600 Travis, Suite 3400 Houston, Texas 77002-3095

Telephone No.: (713) 226-1142 Facsimile No.: (713) 229-2570

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION, 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to Examiner McWilliams, Group Art Unit 3672, at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on this the 9th day of July, 2004 via facsimile, (703) 872-9306.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dillenbeck et al.

Examiner:

McWilliams

JUL 0 9 2004

Serial No.:

10/646,147

Group Art Unit: 3672

Filed:

August 22, 2003

∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Title: Ultra Low Density Cementitious

Slurries For Use in Cementing of

Oil and Gas Wells

Attorney Docket No. 020569-01600

(P203-1306-US)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: